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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

— In re Application of: Brown et al. ) Examiner: John P. Fitzgerald  
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 Application Number: 10/649,348 ) Group Art Unit: 2856  
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 Filed: August 27, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 4171  
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 Docket No.: 03029 (3600-374-11) )

For: METHODS TO CONTROL AND/OR PREDICT RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 29, 2004

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a three month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before October 29, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An Appendix including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.